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FINAL AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action which was sent from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 23, 2001 (Paper No. 9), please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace Claim 1 with the following:

1. **(Amended)** A method for producing an immune stimulating composition comprising:

treating bacteria containing peptidoglycan with acid wherein said acid has a pH of
between about pH 1 and about pH 7;

removing large cellular components from the solution resulting from said treating;

and

saving the remaining solution and adjusting the pH to a physiologically acceptable

pH.